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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report is mandated by General Assembly resolution 57/131 of 11 December 2002 and pertains to the transmittal of information from the administering Powers called for under Article 73 *e* of the Charter.

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1. Under the terms of Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations, Members of the United Nations which have or assume responsibilities for the administration of territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government undertake to transmit regularly to the Secretary-General information relating to economic, social and educational conditions in the territories for which they are respectively responsible other than those territories to which Chapters XII and XIII apply. In addition, the General Assembly, in several resolutions, the most recent of which was resolution 57/131, requested the administering Powers concerned to transmit or continue to transmit to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Article 73 *e* of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned.

2. The table annexed to the present report shows the dates on which information called for under Article 73 *e* of the Charter was transmitted to the Secretary-General for the years from 2001 to 2004.

3. The information transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter follows in general the standard form approved by the General Assembly and includes information on geography, history and population and economic, social and educational conditions. In the case of Territories under the administration of New Zealand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, the annual reports of the Territories also include information on constitutional matters. Additional information on political and constitutional developments on Tokelau is given by the representative of New Zealand during meetings of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. Supplementary information is also made available by New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States concerning Territories under their administration.

4. In compliance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963 and other relevant resolutions of the Assembly, including in particular resolution 57/131, the Secretariat has continued to use the information transmitted in the preparation for the Special Committee of working papers on each Territory. The Special Committee has taken this information into account in formulating its decisions on these Territories, which are set forth in the relevant chapters of the Committee's report to the General Assembly at its current session (see A/58/23 (Part II)). The report also contains an account of the action taken by the Special Committee in implementation of resolution 1970 (XVIII) (ibid., chap. VIII).

5. **Recommendation: The information received from the administering Powers on the Non-Self-Governing Territories will be used for the preparation of the working papers of the Secretariat and discussed by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples at its annual session.**

Annex

Dates of transmission of information under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations and period covered[a]

	Information received in 2002		*Information received in 2003*	
	Date of transmission	*Period covered*	*Date of transmission*	*Period covered*
France[b]				
New Caledonia[c]	-	-		
New Zealand				
Tokelau	11 March 2002	25 June 2001-February 2002	24 February 2003	August 2002-February 2003
Spain				
Western Sahara[d]	-	-	-	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland				
All British Non-Self-Governing Territories			January 2002	2002-2003
Anguilla	25 April 2002	2000-2001	-	-
Bermuda	28 March 2002	2001	-	-
British Virgin Islands			January 2003	2001-2002
Cayman Islands	7 March 2002	2000	17 January 2003	2001-2004
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	22 April 2002	2001	15 January-14 February 2003	16 May 2002-3 January 2003
Gibraltar	2 April 2002	2001	15 January 2003	2002
Montserrat			15 January 2003	2001
Pitcairn	7 March 2002	2000-2001	15 January 2003	2001
Saint Helena			-	-
Turks and Caicos Islands	6 May 2002	2001-2004	-	-
United States of America				
American Samoa	26 March 2002	2000	16 April 2003	2000-2005
Guam	26 March 2002	2000	16 April 2003	2000-2005
United States Virgin Islands	26 March 2002	2000	16 April 2003	2000-2005

[a] For a preliminary list of Territories to which the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960) applies, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Annexes*, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/54/46/Rev.1), annex I.

[b] The Government of France has not transmitted information under Article 73 *e* of the Charter, but it has made available to the Secretariat a report on the situation in New Caledonia in 2002.

[c] According to its resolution 41/41 A of 2 December 1986, the General Assembly "considers that, in the light of the provisions of Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) and 1541 (XV), New Caledonia is a Non-Self-Governing Territory within the meaning of the Charter".

[d] On 26 February 1976, the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that "the Spanish Government, as of today, definitely terminates its presence in the Territory of the Sahara and deems it necessary to place the following on record: ... (a) Spain considers itself henceforth exempt from any responsibility of an international nature in connection with the administration of the said Territory, in view of the cessation of its participation in the temporary administration established for the Territory ..." (A/31/56-S/11997). For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-first Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1976*.